**The Cabinet met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Command Building I, Government House. Some of the resolutions are as follows;**

**Title: Draft Renewal of Insured Person Act, B.E….**

                            The Cabinet approved the draft Act on Renewal of Insured Persons B.E..., as proposed by Ministry of Labor, and ordered it to be forwarded to Coordinating Committee of the National Legislative Assembly, and the National Legislative Assembly respectively.

Gist of Draft Act

The Cabinet has approved a draft act for the renewal of social security benefits for those that had previously been taken out of the social security network due to overdue fees.

With the acknowledgement that many citizens were unable to pay their social security fees during the previous economic slowdown and thereby lost their benefits, the draft act has now been approved which will allow for citizens to gain a permanent extension to acquiring their social security benefits through the back-track payment of overdue fees.

**Title: Bangpakong Power Plant Project (Replacement of units no. 1-2)**

The Cabinet agreed and approved proposals made by Ministry of Energy as follows:

1. Approved for Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) to proceed with Bangpakong Power Plant Project (Replacement of units no.1-2) with a total investment of 33,942.65 million baht.

Gist of the matter

The Cabinet has approved for a substitute power plant to be installed in Cha-Cherng-Sao province to replace older power plants in the area. This is necessary to provide enough electricity for all the inhabitants, to ensure safety and security of the power supply, and to promote a better standard of living in the region.

The power plant will be located in Tha Kham sub-district, Bang Pakong district, and is expected to cover approximately 1,300 megawatts.

**Title: Addendum No. 3 of Grant Contract on ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE)**

The Cabinet approved the proposals made by Ministry of Foreign Affairs as follows:

1. Approved Addendum No. 3 of Grant Contract on ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE). Should there be any amendment, if not effecting gist of the document or against the benefits of Thailand, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is authorized to proceed, and inform the cabinet accordingly.
2. Authorized ASEAN Secretariat or his representative as signatory and ordered Ministry of Foreign Affairs to inform ASEAN Secretariat through Permanent Representative of Thailand to ASEAN in Jakarta accordingly.

**Gist of the matter**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that 3rd Addendum of ARISE grant contract specifies revision of budget allocation on human resources, travel expenses, expenditures and other services.

**Title: Draft Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of an electrical energy network under BIMSTEC**

The Cabinet approved proposals made by Ministry of Energy as follows:

* + - 1. Approved Memorandum of Understanding on establishment of an electrical energy network under Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
      2. Minister of Energy (or his representative) is authorized as signatory and Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to issue Full Powers to the aforementioned signatory.
      3. Should there be any amendment, if not effecting gist of the document, or against the benefits of Thailand or principles approved by the Cabinet, Ministry of Energy is authorized to proceed without further cabinet’s approval.

The purpose of this MOU is to enhance regional collaboration in efficient energy use, coordination and investment in infrastructure, the promotion of reusable and renewable energy, and the facilitation of cross-border trade in energy. To enhance cooperation among the seven member-states in this field, a committee for energy management will be established, as will a BIMSTEC Grid Interconnection Coordination Committee.

**Title: Draft Memorandum of Understanding on Cross-Border Trafficking in Persons between Department of Special Investigation, Ministry of Justice, Kingdom of Thailand and General Commissariat of the Cambodian National Police, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Cambodia**

The Cabinet approved the proposals made by Ministry of Justice as follows:

Approved Draft Memorandum of Understanding on Cross-Border Trafficking in Persons between Department of Special Investigation, Ministry of Justice, Kingdom of Thailand and General Commissariat of the Cambodian National Police, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Cambodia

Authorized Director-General of Department of Special Investigation as signatory, and approved for Department of Special Investigation, on behalf of Ministry of Justice, to discuss with Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Department of Treaty and Law should there be a need to amend the MOU without further approval from the Cabinet.

This MOU aims to enhance bilateral cooperation in anti-human trafficking and covers information sharing, cooperation on transnational investigations, and legal enforcement.

**Title: Candidature for Secretary General of Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT)**

The Cabinet approved the proposal made by Ministry of Digital Economy and Society to nominate Ms. Areewan Haorangsi as Thai candidate for the post of Secretary General of Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), and assigned Ministry of Foreign Affairs to proceed with the campaign through diplomatic channels.